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The meeting was called to order by President Fairchild with all members present. The President introduced new members of the Senate as follows: Mr. Lovelass, Principal of University High School; Miss Clemans, Coordinator of Metcalf elementary activities; Miss Kirchhoefer, Registrar; Dr. Agate, Director of the Health Service; Mr. Hall, Director of Alumni Relations; Mr. Lichty, who is to study the junior college situation working toward the possible development of a Division of Community or Junior College Education.

The President reported that he will be in Springfield on Wednesday afternoon, October 5, at which time the Governor and Director of Finance have indicated a willingness to have a hearing concerning a former regulation to the effect that only 45 percent of the appropriations for the next biennium is to be used in 1949-1950. The fact that these people are willing to hear the need of the teachers colleges in this connection is encouraging. It is hoped that the outcome will make it possible to provide very necessary repairs and provide equipment. It is believed that the Joint Alumni Council of the Teachers Colleges was very effective in bringing about this hearing.

President Fairchild reported to the Senate as follows:

1. Additional copies of the folder containing the names and addresses of new faculty members are available to those who wish them.
2. The enrollment in the University at present is 2,438, which is 210 more than in 1948.
3. It is hoped that some action will be taken very soon concerning the agriculture situation since the committee which is to make the examination is now complete. It consists of one each from the University of Illinois, Michigan State, the Illinois Grange, Purdue University, the State Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers, the Illinois Agriculture Association, and Mr. James Holbert, chairman of the committee.
4. The \$170,000.00 necessary for the drawing of plans and preparing of specifications for the elementary school and the University High School has been released. The money for building purposes on the University Farm and the Fell Hall wing and top floor has also been released so that work in these areas may proceed. It is expected that work on the self-liquidating dormitories will begin March 1, 1950.
5. Work on the curriculum program of Illinois State Normal University is proceeding rapidly. In this connection an orientation program is an important phase of the work. It is very unfortunate this year that it has seemed necessary to omit library instruction from the curriculum. At a meeting of the State Examining Board held on Monday, October 3, it was agreed that a special committee should give attention to working out a pattern of teacher preparation on a qualitative as well as quantitative basis. It is understood that in connection with the curriculum work of the state those from our campus gave a very good account of themselves at the recent meeting in Peoria. It is hoped and expected that those working with the group at Paxton will do some excellent work in this connection.

The President next asked Dean Larsen, chairman of a committee of the Administrative Council, to present a report of that committee for consideration. Dean Larsen presented the following report and moved its acceptance:

"The committee appointed from the Administrative Council to work out details for presenting to the faculty the matter of faculty membership on the Administrative Council and on the University Senate met on Wednesday, September 28, at 2 o'clock. It was agreed that the purpose for non-administrative faculty membership in these two groups is to make it possible to obtain opinions of such members on matters coming before the groups. On this basis the committee took the following actions:

"We recommend that heads of departments secure by ballot the reactions of faculty members concerning faculty representation on (1) the Administrative Council and (2) the University Senate. The ballot used should give faculty members the opportunity to vote "yes," or "no," or "no preference." We further recommend that such representation be limited to two on the Administrative Council and three in the University Senate, and that members of the Senate be eligible for selection to the Administrative Council."

Mr. Hiett seconded the motion. Mr. Browne pointed out that a committee of the American Association of University Professors has been considering the matter for two years and has assembled considerable material which a committee to give it further consideration might find available. He indicated that he would like to vote in favor of the motion but believed further study should be given the portion covering the last sentence of the report. He moved an amendment to the motion to omit the last sentence. Mr. Lathrop seconded the motion to amend and it carried. The original motion was then voted upon and carried. It was agreed that Dean Larsen should have ballots, such as he proposed, and a copy of which follows, made available to department heads to be used at staff meetings to secure a vote of the faculty.

"In order to determine faculty reactions with regard to faculty membership on the Administrative Council and in the University Senate, will you please answer each of the following questions:

(1) Do you favor including non-administrative faculty members in the University Senate?

Yes _____ No _____ No preference _____

(2) Do you favor including non-administrative faculty members on the Administrative Council?

Yes _____ No _____ No Preference _____

Dean Larsen indicated that these ballots will be available in his office any time after noon on Wednesday, October 5.

President Fairchild indicated that all departments should have meetings at which time a vote can be taken to be turned in to Dean Larsen. The committee making the report will count the votes and report the results. (It is hoped that returns from departments may be available for use at the faculty meeting on Tuesday, October 11.)

Dean Larsen asked heads of departments to turn in material to his office concerning programs for next semester not later than October 21. His office will use much the same procedure as has been used in the past in connection with building programs. He pointed out the very great need for more first and seventh hour classes if a satisfactory program is to be arranged and rooms are to be used to the best advantage. Material concerning the summer session program should be turned in to his office before the Christmas holidays.

President Fairchild indicated that heads of departments might well ask the members of their departments to begin thinking in terms of teaching during the summer session of 1950.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman, Secretary